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COUNTRY Poland

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Observations Made Between Frankfurt/Oder and Brest Litovsk

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REMARKS

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1. [REDACTED]

25X1X On 9 December, source saw, at the Kutno railroad station, a westbound train loaded with 107 artillery pieces, presumably 85-mm AT guns, 20 trucks and 2 tanks.¹ A number of trains consisting of 55 to 60 railroad cars each and loaded with reparations goods were also seen at the station. The water station in Kutno was not adequate for the traffic passing through that railroad station and could not furnish water to the German locomotive. Other members of German locomotive brigades told source that they had been delayed in Kutno for more than four days. On 11 December, source noticed that the Brest Litovsk railroad station was jammed with trains. He counted 19 trains but stated that this did not represent the total of trains parked there. Some German locomotive engineers told him that they had waited in Brest Litovsk up to seven days. Five of the trains were loaded with new trucks; according to their way bills they were to be dispatched to Frankfurt/Oder. When returning to Germany, [REDACTED] east of Warsaw, two eastbound trains each of them carrying 70 to 80 new IFA trucks.² On 14 December, source observed, west of Kutno, an eastbound train of 45 boxcars loaded with Soviet air force personnel. Large dumps of coal were noticed at all major railroad stations of the Frankfurt/Oder - Brest Litovsk railroad line.

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2. Westbound trains observed by source [REDACTED] 25X1X

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2 troop trains of 55 cars each;³ 5 trains each of them loaded with 55 to 60 new trucks and sedans;¹ and 5 trains each loaded with 30 to 40 new 85-mm AT guns and 4 or 5 T-34 tanks.¹ Between 17 and 22 November, [REDACTED]

25X1X [REDACTED] source observed two westbound trains loaded with sedans and one westbound train loaded with about 20 trucks mounting searchlights.

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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Information on trucks, artillery pieces and tanks sent from the USSR to East Germany was included in previous border traffic reports. AT guns with a caliber of 85-mm were first observed in Frankfurt/Oder on 3 December 1953. [REDACTED]

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. These vehicles were delivered by East German automobile factories to the USSR.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. These trains carried recruits from the USSR to East Germany. The trains involved are assigned shuttle train numbers of the lxx series.

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